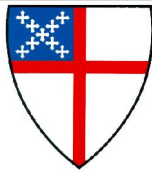


# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

## THE CALL



## JULY 2013

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRIEST

Living the Love of God: What does that mean?

This month is Honduras Month. Twelve of us (kind of a biblical number, isn't it?) will be leaving on July 16<sup>th</sup>, we will return on the 24<sup>th</sup>. We will spend five exhilarating and exhausting days with Hondurans of all ages and sizes in small villages and towns in the southeastern corner of the country. We will find friends, old and new. I will spend time with my god-daughter who has not had the best of years. The whole family feels like—well, like family to me.

One time when I re-entered the US after one of these trips the immigration official who stamped my passport quipped, "We need you more at home!" I understand his sentiment, but I do not share it. Where is my "home?" If God creates us and holds us in love, and we live in the love of God, then everywhere is my home, and all people are my family. I certainly have history and blood kin in certain places that make them special to me, but God's love is not bounded by my history. Honduras is home, and the Hondurans are family. We are one, and if we are one, then we are there for them. And they are there for us. They can be counted on for some very important things. They organize, publicize and manage our efforts while we are there—they share their mission with us. They point out beautiful places and people—they share the beauty of their land, and their capacity to be happy in the midst of poverty. They will solve problems in innovative ways for us—they share their resourcefulness. They will introduce us to the people special to them—they share their relationships with us. They will share their passions, their zeal and their faith, which often puts me to shame. Most of all they will share their hearts with us, their priceless, beautiful selves.

Jesus prayed that we all be one in the love of the Father. For us, living the love of God means going to Honduras.

Next month: What else might it mean?

Paul+

### HONDURAS GOOD WORKS

Dear Good Shepherd Family,

These 12 people are going on the mission to Honduras this year. We offer this list to you for your prayers.

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| 1. Fr. Paul    | 5. Dora Somerville | 9. Asa Barnes        |
| 2. Sara Boyett | 6. John Bell       | 10. Jean Barnes      |
| 3. Tony Guck   | 7. Rev. Tom Bates  | 11. Mike Bell        |
| 4. Josiah Guck | 8. Jane Bates      | 12. Griffon Campbell |

We also ask, if the Lord so moves you to help, that you think about an extra offering to help defray costs. The whole team of 65 people will leave from Houston, so we have some extra travel expenses getting to Houston and back. If you would like to help please make checks out to the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

Thank you, Your Honduras Team

### CHURCH SERVICE AND PICNIC

SUNDAY, JULY 14TH AT LITTLE WALNUT PICNIC GROUNDS



There will be a single service at 9:30am on Sunday, July 14th at the Little Walnut Picnic Grounds. Please bring your favorite picnic potluck dish (including main dishes) for a parish picnic that will follow the service. The church will provide plates and utensils.



## There's Something You Should Know

Our shared **United Campus Ministry at WNMU** just had its June Board Meeting. We arrived as students were putting donated clothes in the clothes closet for other students. The Board got down to business and eventually got some reality therapy from the Finance Committee. Our ministry has been in the red for the last 14 months. The Board has been watching this and has added a couple new fund raisers (Love Lights & More around Christmas time, and Krispy Kreme Doughnuts sales) and new church partners. However, with a recent hard hit the Board reluctantly close UCM activities for two months during this summer (re-start will be about 5 days before the Fall Term begins). This means that our UCM Director, Maria Dominguez, will not be being paid during this time either. This closure will allow some funds to accumulate for the new academic year, but the reality is, we have an ongoing shortfall that we need to correct for the long haul.



The UCM Board is asking all our congregations to note this fact and, in reliance on God's grace and call, to lift up the ministry of UCM in prayer, and search for possible ways to help financially.

### "Going Away" Lunch

Heather McClaren will be moving to Tucson the first part of July. We want the chance to say "good-bye" to her and thank her for being a part of our Church community especially the After School Program. Come and join the Daughters of the King in a send-off potluck:

Sunday, July 7th  
Following the 10:30 service  
Bring Finger foods to share  
Money tree will be available  
Beverages will be provided

### AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

I am so proud to have been a part of the beginning of this After School Program! It was soooo much fun figuring it: what to have when, how do we figure out meals, keep the kids safe, what do we do for chapel? Planning with all of you. Organizing behind the scenes. Meeting the new parents each year. The special confidences shared on the playground, in line, at chapel: about one of the kids dad's who's in jail, an older sister in the hospital, a child bullied at school. The chances this offered to minister to their needs. To teach prayer, to offer a listening ear and to be a friend!

WHAT A WONDERFUL ROAD AHEAD FOR ALL OF YOU! I envy you all for staying. I wish I could be a part of things as they grow! Best of luck to Sarah next year as she gets her feet wet! All of you – support her and encourage her as she gets used to things. I know you will have a WONDERFUL YEAR!

Blessings to you all – thanks for the chance to be a part of this, to minister, to learn and to share in God's glory. Thanks for the good times!  
Heather McClaren

### ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Beginning on July 9th, the Book Study class on Tuesday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. will focus on Henri Nouwen's *Spiritual Direction*. There are three books in the office and Karen has ordered five more. You can also buy it yourself for your Kindle or iBook. The class will run for four sessions, 7/9, 7/16, 7/30 and 8/6. They meet at 2:00 p.m. in Henderson Hall.

### COLUMBARIUM EXPANSION

To apply for a reserved niche in the new columbarium, please contact Kathy Strange 538-3310, Bruce Tolhurst 388-8047, or the Church 538-2015. The Columbarium expansions have been ordered and should be ready for inurnment in six months. The cost of a columbarium niche is \$500.

## FROM YOUR SENIOR WARDEN

Most of the month of June, we were in Alaska. The excuse for the trip was the wedding of Cecilia's cousin's daughter. We had many happy moments during the trip. One outstanding event was the day we went whale-watching. We were fortunate enough to see a pod of 15 whales and observe them on or near the surface of the water for about 30 minutes.

Another was a "tour" of an Orthodox Church of America (formerly known as the Russian Orthodox Church). It was a small room but the priest explained that since all stood for the services they had no problem on Easter "standing" a hundred parishioners. This priest in this small village on that day was repairing the steps to the church, managing the gift shop and giving the tours. He spent an extended amount of time with us sharing a simplified history of the Orthodox Church in Alaska. The native Alaskans "accepted Christianity" with the coming of the Russians. However they had been allowed to continue with their cultural customs and native languages. A great many of these people still practice the Orthodox form of Christianity. Over 90 of these churches still exist. There are priests in these isolated areas that are very educated, yet very dedicated to working with their parishioners, and accept a very modest isolated lifestyle to perform their call to God.

Such is the case over much of the planet. There are people who practice their Christianity although they are isolated by culture and religion from those around them. This they do patiently generation to generation over hundreds, nay thousands of years patiently with perseverance and without complaint.

What a glorious service we had June 30 celebrating Father Gene's anniversary ordination. Thank goodness the wafers did not blow away today as they did with his original ordination. It was such a joy to see three little ones in church. Earlier in June was Father Brian's anniversary ordination celebration as well.

We anticipate many blessings in the month of July. I am very excited about going to Honduras in the company of others in the church and especially with my son Mike.

John Bell

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

JULY 2013

**PREPARE for the period of "Ordinary Time" in the Church calendar... As Christians, our life journey is a one of formation. We want to ensure that our journey is Christ-driven and leading to our continued formation as a Christian people. Our tools for formation are worship, prayer, and the study of God's Word and will for our lives. This becomes a journey of Christian Formation as we strive to be transformed into the people that Christ wants us to become.**



*Summertime in the Church:*

### 1. ADULT AND CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Deacon Tom's Kerygma class will continue to meet during the summer. This class meets at 9:15 between the Services. Feel free to join this class any Sunday you're available. Children's Sunday School is not meeting during the summer. Regular Sunday School will begin again after Labor Day on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>.

### 2. NURSERY

Nursery is available for any child not able to sit through the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. With summer vacation schedules, there may or may not be an attendant available in the Nursery. However, the Nursery will be open for parents or family members to use if needed.

### 3. BOOK STUDY

Fr. Paul will be starting a new Book Study in July. This book is available in the Church office for \$13.

**Book:** "Spiritual Direction: Wisdom for the Long Walk"  
by Henri Nouwen

**When:** July 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and August 6<sup>th</sup> Time: 2 p.m.

**Where:** Henderson Hall

## JULY LAY READER AND ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

DATE	LAY MINISTERS	GREETERS	ACOLYTES	SUNDAY SCHOOL/ NURSERY
JULY 7 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Karisse Moore Pat Brown Joe Pidutti	Dora Somerville Dora Somerville	Sarah Guck Tobias Guck Autumn Laws	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 AM Nursery: Karen Morant
JULY 14 9:30 AM SERVICE AT LITTLE WALNUT PICNIC GROUNDS	Linda Shay Lector:: Sara Boyett Win Taylor	Marianne Bray	Mary Ihlefeld	
JULY 21 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Linda Shay Carol Coon Lector: Paul Sherrell Jane Bates	Dave & Pam Kuthe Dick & June Rhoades	Win Taylor Cassie Jewell Kate Boyce	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 AM Nursery: Karisse Moore
JULY 28 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Karisse Moore Mary Harrell Mary Ihlefeld	Barry Rimmel Margo Rimmel	Carol Coon Adrian Melon Toby Guck	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 AM Nursery: Holly Peterson
AUGUST 4 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Karisse Moore Pat Brown Joe Pidutti	Dora Somerville Dora Somerville	Linda Shay Autumn Laws Kate Boyce	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 AM Nursery: Karen Morant

Lay Readers, please note: the reader listed first will read the first lesson

### GOING ON VACATION?

Don't forget to pay your pledge before you leave. If you wish, you may post date checks and we'll hold them. While you're off on your cruise, or safari, or cross-country motor home tour, the church still has bills to pay! Thank you, and SAFE TRAVELS!



### July Grant County Prayer Gatherings

All meetings begin at 8:30 am

July 2	New Hope Fellowship
July 9	New Hope Fellowship
July 16	Joe and Nancy Pidutti's home, Peterson Drive
July 23	Mountain View Church of the Nazarene
July 30	Brewer Hill Baptist Church



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July

2	Robert Ihlefeld	11	Michael Giusto
6	Robert Park	11	Denise Kennedy
8	Jill Olson	27	Dorothy McNaughton
8	Merrit Peterson	29	Joe Neal
		30	Anne McCormick



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July

8 Mick & Carol Coon

